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MEDIUM PLASMA

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**AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION FOR
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is in reply to a Final Office Action mailed December 20, 2005, and an Interview Summary mailed February 14, 2006, in relation to the above-referenced patent application. This amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) that is filed herewith. The period for the initial response to the Office Action is set to expire on March 20, 2006. Accordingly, with the granting of the accompanying petition for a 1-month extension of time, Applicants believe that this response is timely filed.

The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees required for the filing or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-2350. For the purpose of using said deposit account, a duplicate of page one and the signature page of this reply is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this document.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which beings on page 6 of this document.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this document.